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FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. DESPITE VIGOROUS PRESS CRITICISM AND TWO MOTIONS IN KNESSET

TO POSTPONE VISIT YET ONCE MORE, FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES
ARRIVED IN ISRAEL OCT 30 FOR FOUR DAYS OF TALKS
WITH ISRAELI LEADERS AND SIGHTSEEING. FIRST EVER VISIT BY A FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTER IS SUBJECT OF HEATED DOMESTIC POLITICAL
CONTROVERSY OCCASIONED BY
WHAT IS SEEN AS GOF'S PRO-ARAB
POSTURE IN MIDDLE EAST. ISRAELIS ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE
FOLLOWING SAUVAGNARGUES' MEETING WITH ARAFAT IN BEIRUT,
WHICH THEY INTERPRET AS LEGITIMIZATION ATTEMPT ON BEHALF OF PLO.

2. THOUGH DIPLOMATIC COURTERIES ARE BEING MAINTAINED, ISRAELI OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY FONMIN ALLON, HAVE MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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CLEAR THEIR DISPLEASURE AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER FRANCE'S

OPPORTUNISTIC CURRYING OF FAVOR WITH ARABS. EVEN WHILE DECLARING HIS OPPOSITION TO KNESSET PROPOSALS TO SHELVE VISIT, ALLON DECLARED HIS UNDERSTANDING FOR WIDESPREAD"... FEELINGS OF ANGRY PROTEST AGAINST THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY". ALLON'S AIRPORT STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL SAUVAGNARGUES' PARTY JUXTAPOSED PRAISE FOR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN GREATNESS OF FRANCE WITH BLUNT REFERENCES TO THE "...DEEP DISSATISFACTION (WHICH) OBTAINS IN ISRAEL WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT'S MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY..." AND "FUTILE EFFORTS TO REVERSE THE WHEELS OF TIME BACK TO THE LINE OF 1967, OR A SURRENDER TO THE EXTORTIONISM OF TERRORISM..." A DINNER OCT 31 ALLON CONTINUED ATTACK, ACCUSING FRANCE OF ENCOURAGING EXTREMISTS.

3. COMMENT. NOW THAT OFT-POSTPONED VISIT A REALITY, SAUVAGNARGUES AND ALLON ARE USING OPPORTUNITY FOR BLUNT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, WITH FORMER EMNHASIZING NEED FOR ISREL TO WITHDRAW FROM ECCUPIED TERRITORIES AND DEAL WITH PLO AND LATTER IOSISTING THAT ISRAEL CANNOT ABANDON ITS VITAL SECUHITY INTERESTS IN SEARCH FOR PEACE. ALLON ALSO HAS USED OCCASIOOF SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT TO REITERATE GOI REFUSAL O NEGOTITE WITH ARAFAT. IN SUM, BOTH PARTIES SEE VISIT, DESPITE ITS INEVITABLE TENSIONS, AS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR CASE NOT ONLY TO EACT OTHER BUT TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION. GOI ALSO HOPES TO ENCOURAGE PRO-ISRAELI PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN FRANCE IN PARTICULAR WHILE SAUVAGNARGUES STICKS TO OFFICIAL GOF LINE WHICH HAS ALREADY WON WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN ARAB WORLD. KEATING

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